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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 663
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Marty Owens for
laudable service to the people of Tennessee as
an author of children's books.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders and consummate professionals of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Marty Owens, who teaches third grade at Carthage Elementary School, as well as writing children's books, most notably, *A Tennessee History*; and

WHEREAS, *A Tennessee History* features, interesting stories, illustrations of Tennessee official state symbols and various activities that generally engage children's interests; it is used throughout Smith County and 15 other counties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens specializes in writing children's books which take classic children's stories and give them an Appalachian spin, for example, *Allerednic*, which is Cinderella spelled backwards ;and

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WHEREAS, Marty Owens has also written a children's novel about an eight-year-old living in Middle Tennessee during the Civil War: *The Healing Quilt*, along with several other notable titles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work at Carthage Elementary, Marty Owens still finds time to speak to future teachers at Tennessee Tech on reading, and writing children's books; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Tennessee Writers Association, and attends the Smoky Mountain Writers Conference every year in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Marty Owens epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she has received the "Apple for the Teacher" award from Channel 4 News; and

WHEREAS, Marty Owens is most devoted to Tennessee history and culture, and made it a point to have her acclaimed children's book *A Tennessee History* published by Tennessee firm, Over Mountain Press; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it expedient to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Marty Owens for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Marty Owens for her service to the children of Tennessee as an informative and inspiring author, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.